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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the foreign documents cited is enclosed.

DE 93 478 shows a saddle with two seat halves, which are rotatable. Further, a hinge can be provided in order to change the angle of the seat halves relative to the horizontal axis (Fig. 3).

DE 101 448 shows a saddle with two seat halves, the seat halves being rotatable around their middle axis. Due to elastic rubber elements R, the seat halves will always return to their original position.

DE 827 008 shows a saddle with two seat halves, which are movable around an axis, which is perpendicular to the driving direction. If one of the seat halves is moved in one direction, the other seat halves moves into the other direction.

DE 201 00 412 U1 shows a saddle with two seat halves which are movable due to a rubber element or a metal coupling. The axis around which this movement is possible is angled inward.

DE 202 12 353 concerns a saddle for bicycles with a single seat, wherein the seat is movably connected to a saddle support.

DE 295 17 194 U1 describes a saddle for bicycles with two seat halves. The two seat halves are movable around a support bar very similar to DE 296 08 190 U1.

DE 296 08 190 U1 concerns a saddle for bicycles, wherein two seat halves are provided. Between the two seat halves there is a gap, and the two seat halves can be moved around a support bar.

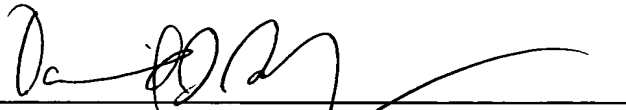
The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

Respectfully submitted,

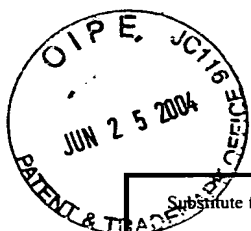
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